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Central Highlands average house values up 91%

The Local Government Area of Central Highlands in Tasmania had one of the highest increases in average value of private sector houses in Tasmania from 2004-05 to 2008-09, increasing 91.1% from \$79,000 to \$151,000, according to the latest National Regional Profiles, released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

National Regional Profiles use a Google Maps based interface to make it easier to find information on Local Government Areas and other types of regions across Australia.

The regional profiles now include information not in previous releases, including tourist accommodation and additional government payments. This adds to the existing economic and social data such as income, age, occupations, building and agriculture.

Tasmania highlights in today's release include:

The population of the Local Government Area of Brighton grew by 3% per annum between 2004-05 and 2008-09 to 15,807, and was the fastest growing Local Government Area. The number of people receiving Family Tax Benefits in Brighton increased by 5.4% in this period to 2,063; the highest increase recorded in Tasmania. The number of people receiving the Baby Bonus in Brighton increased by 20.5% between 2004-05 and 2008-09.

The Local Government Area of Circular Head had one of the highest increases in average value of private sector houses from 2004-05 to 2008-09, increasing 81.6% from \$117,500 to \$213,400. Three Local Government Areas in Tasmania had an average value of private sector houses over \$300,000 in 2008-09: King Island (\$383,300), Hobart (\$331,200) and Flinders (\$322,500).

The oldest vehicles in Tasmania in 2009 were in the Local Government Area of Flinders, with 75.5% of registered vehicles over 10 years old.

Further information is available in National Regional Profiles on the ABS website www.abs.gov.au.

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